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SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF TOWS TO LEBANON

REF: SECSTATE 004253

1. OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE HAS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS. ARMY, SPEAKING FOR GOL, WANTS TO PROCEED WITH SCHEDULED DELIVERY OF REMAINING ITEMS AND IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND PROTECT THEM. ARMY IS PREPARED TO OFFLOAD OUTSIDE THE PORT, USING ITS LANDING CRAFT UTILITY (LCU SOUR) IF SECURITY SITUATION AT TIME OF ARRIVAL OF SURFACE VESSEL PRECLUDES NORMAL PORT OPERATIONS. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SURFACE VESSEL HAVE ONBOARD TRANSFER CAPABILITY.

2. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY CAN RECEIVE AND PROTECT THESE ITEMS. SIX LAUNCHERS AND 96 MISSILES OF THE TOTAL PROVIDED BY THE FMS ORDER WERE AIR DELIVERED TO GOL IN LATE 1974. THESE ITEMS ARE STORED IN AN ARMY AMMUNITION DEPOT. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT DELIVERIES BE MADE AS SCHEDULED.

3. FYI. GOL ORDER FOR 18 LAUNCHERS AND 648 MISSILES (FMS CASE UJU-LEBANON) WAS LATER AMENDED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MISSILES TO 492 AND TO ADD 22 M151A1 (MILITARY
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JEEPS) AS LAUNCHER TRANSPORTERS.

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